

TRIBUTE TO RAY AND JUDY OBER

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 19, 2012*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to two good friends of mine, Ray and Judy Ober. Ray and Judy passed away just 21 days apart from each other, a testament to their love for one another. Ray and Judy were a pillar of the community in Riverside, California and they will be deeply missed.

Judy was born in New York, and grew up in the San Fernando Valley, while Ray was born in Hollywood and raised in Van Nuys, California. They lived a blessed life in Riverside for 53 years and raised all four of their children there. Ray and Judy owned Ober Graphics, Inc. for many years, where Ray was the "premier graphic artist of Riverside," while Judy went back to school and eventually earned her bachelor's degree from Cal Poly Pomona at the age of 49. After graduating, she passed the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam and went to work at Macher and Clark, where she worked for over 20 years. Their chosen careers, Ray a talented artist and Judy a CPA, may have appeared to be in stark contrast, but were the perfect recipe for a loving, lasting marriage.

Ray and Judy were long time members of Canyon Crest Country Club during the 1970s and 1980s where they played tennis and socialized with many great friends. Ray and Judy enjoyed spending time at their beach house in Newport and trips to Las Vegas. They took their children on many family vacations, celebrating their love of life. Judy held officer positions in various clubs including treasurer of the Riverside County Republican Party and president of the Riverside Soroptimists. Ray's passions were genealogy and "playing the ponies." In their more recent years Judy enjoyed playing golf with her golf girlfriends, going on vacations with her high school girlfriends, spending time with her sisters and friends and playing games with her grandchildren. Ray more recently enjoyed photography, visits from his family and friends and trips to Pechanga. Judy and Ray were both amazing, multi-faceted, rare human beings who will be incredibly missed by all who knew them.

I am particularly thankful for the friendship I shared with both Ray and Judy. They were great supporters and, most importantly, dear friends. I will miss their generous spirit, kind nature and enduring friendship.

On April 15, 2012, there was a combined service celebrating the lives of Ray and Judy. They will always be remembered for their generosity, contributions to the community and love of family. Their dedication to their family and community are a testament to lives lived well and a legacy that will continue. I extend my condolences to Ray and Judy's family and friends; although they may be gone, the light and goodness they brought to the world remain and will never be forgotten.

A TRIBUTE TO KATIE STRICKLAND

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Katie Strickland of Ames for being awarded the Girl Scout Gold Award.

The Gold Award is the highest award that a high school-aged Girl Scout can earn. This is an extremely prestigious honor as less than six percent of all Girl Scouts will attain the Gold Award's rigorous requirements.

To earn a Gold Award, a Girl Scout must complete a minimum of 80 hours towards a community project that is both memorable and lasting. For her project, Katie worked with children in her community to teach them the value of donating their time and the positive effects that selfless volunteering has on others. The work ethic Katie has shown to earn her Gold Award speaks volumes of her commitment to serving a cause greater than herself and assisting her community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young woman and her supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Katie and her family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating her in obtaining the Gold Award, and will wish her continued success in her future education and career.

CONGRATULATING RICK AND KELA ELLIS OF RHINELANDER, WISCONSIN, ON BEING NAMED A 2012 NATIONAL "MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY" AWARD RECIPIENT

**HON. SEAN P. DUFFY**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to acknowledge the great work of the volunteers of Rhineland, Wisconsin, especially those who worked to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Marshfield, Wisconsin. They have been selected as a one of the 2012 "Make A Difference Day" winners and I could not be more proud.

Make a Difference Day celebrates the power of neighbors helping neighbors. Created by USA Weekend, this annual day of service mobilizes more than three million volunteers to create change in their community.

This group of outstanding volunteers from Rhineland has made a substantial impact on their community by collecting aluminum cans for the local Ronald McDonald House. Rick and Kela Ellis were heartbroken when they lost their 2-year-old daughter, Ashley, to brain cancer in 1989. But within a year they had found a way to honor her memory—by recycling aluminum cans to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Marshfield, Wisconsin, their "home" while Ashley was hospitalized. Since giving their "Cans for Cancer" collection a huge boost by tying it to Make A Difference Day in 1998, the Ellises have recycled 6,000

pounds of aluminum, raising more than \$2,500.

Rick and Kela will be honored at the Make A Difference Day event presented by Points of Light here in Washington, DC, on April 19, 2012. I congratulate them for this great service in the midst of such loss.

IN RECOGNITION OF VINCENT STURTEVANT

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 19, 2012*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Officer Vincent Sturtevant for his 30 years of service at the Daly City Police Department.

Mr. Sturtevant was appointed a police officer in 1981 and graduated from San Jose Criminal Justice Training Center Academy the following year.

Officer Sturtevant started his career as a patrol officer serving as a field training officer. In 1994, he was assigned as a detective. He has also served many times as an acting patrol sergeant.

Officer Sturtevant's enthusiasm and commitment to his job are exemplary and didn't go unnoticed by his fellow officers who voted him most valuable police officer for his shift in 1990 and 1992. He also received numerous letters of appreciation from citizens and departmental commendations. In 1993, he received a commendation for his assistance in apprehending a barricaded suspect who had fired a shotgun. In 1994, he was commended for his participation in the capture of three armed robbery suspects.

Vincent is a Daly City boy through and through, having graduated from Westmoor High School and earned his Bachelor degree in history from San Francisco State University.

He lives in Daly City with his wife of 20 years, Marianne.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to rise with me to honor the heroic service of Officer Vincent Sturtevant to the residents of Daly City. For over three decades, he has made our community a safer and better place.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF CALEB LIPSCOMB ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 19, 2012*

Mr. LATTI. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Caleb Lipscomb of Perrysburg, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

Caleb's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming midshipmen Class of 2016. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-